

Question: Should sleeve gastrectomy calibrated on bougie size ≤ 36 Fr vs. > 36 Fr be used for weight loss?

Certainty assessment							№ of patients		Effect		Certainty	Importance
№ of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	sleeve gastrectomy calibrated on bougie size ≤ 36 Fr	> 36 Fr	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)		
Weight loss (follow up: range 12 months to 60 months)												
4	observational studies	not serious	not serious	not serious	not serious	strong association			OR 0.23 (0.14 to 0.33)	0 fewer per 1.000 (from 0 fewer to 0 fewer)	⊕⊕⊕○ MODERATE	CRITICAL
Leaks (follow up: range 12 months to 60 months)												
7	observational studies	not serious	not serious	serious	serious	none			OR 0.91 (0.67 to 1.24)	1 fewer per 1.000 (from 1 fewer to 1 fewer)	⊕○○○ VERY LOW	CRITICAL
GERD (follow up: range 12 months to 60 months)												
3	observational studies	not serious	serious	serious	serious	none			OR 0.77 (0.37 to 1.59)	1 fewer per 1.000 (from 2 fewer to 0 fewer)	⊕○○○ VERY LOW	IMPORTANT
Overall complications (follow up: range 12 months to 60 months)												
8	observational studies	not serious	serious	serious	serious	none			OR 1.00 (0.73 to 1.37)	1 fewer per 1.000 (from 1 fewer to 1 fewer)	⊕○○○ VERY LOW	CRITICAL

CI: Confidence interval; OR: Odds ratio